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# MINUTES

OF THE

## GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

# MDTHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

SOUTH,

HELD AT LAGRANGE, GA,

DEC. 12-19, 1855.

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In the absence of the Bishop, Rev. J. W. GDENN was elected President, and presided the first day.

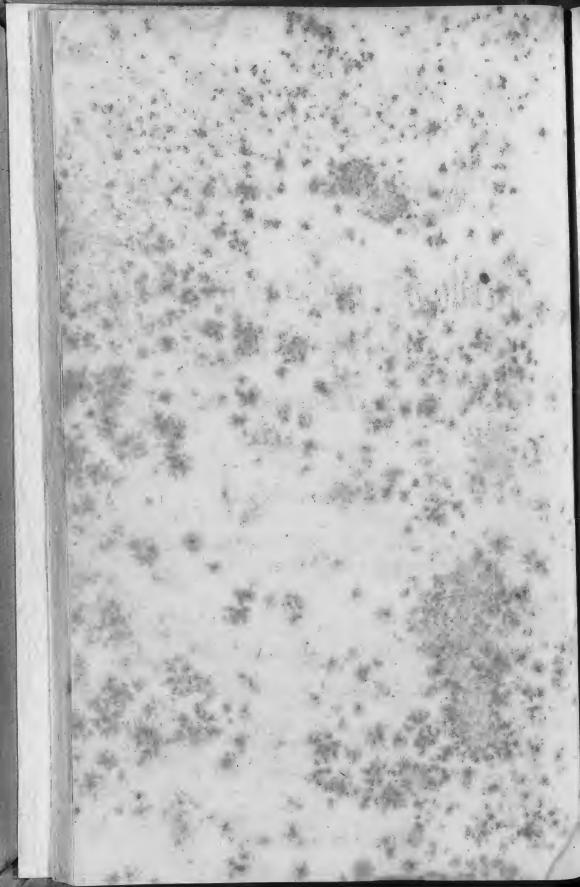
#### BISHOP EARLY,

PRESIDENT.

J. BLAKELY SMITH, SECRETARY.

CHARLES R. JEWETT,

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## MINUTES.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on Trial?

David W. Calhoun, Benj. F. Perry, Habersham J. Adams, Wm. A. Edwards, Wm. H. Morten, Wm. B. Bailey, Absolem H. Ogletree, Wm. Rowland, David E. Starr, John W. McGehee, Josiah Bullock, Wm. F. Cook, Peter M. Ryburn, Elijah N. Bolan, Joseph B. Key, Thos. H. Stewart, John W. Turner, Benj. F. Breedlove, James V. M. Morris and John W. McCrary.—20

Jesse Boring was re-admitted.-1

QUEST. 2. Who are continued on trial?

James M. Armstrong, Alvin J. Dean, Milford Hamby, John W. Burke, George G. N. McDonald, Wm. J. Scott, Wesley P. Pledger, Wm. T. Christian, Wm. S. Turner, John P. Howell, Wm. W. Tidwell, John Patillo, James T. Ainsworth, James O. A. Clarke, Wm. S. Baker, and Wm. Davis.—16

John Newell was continued in class of 1st year.-1

QUEST. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

Wm. G. Allen, Thos. Boring, Rob't. N. Cotter, Frederick W. Flanders, Tyre B. Harbin, David T. Holmes, Marshal F. Malsby, Noah H. Palmer, Weyman H. Potter, James H. Reese, Albert W. Rowland, Wesley F. Smith, Jackson Rush, Wm. M. D. Bond, Wm. Brewer, and Joseph Chambers.—16

QUEST. 4. Who are the Deacons?

Lemuel Q. Allen, John W. Brady, John B. McGehee, Harry McHan, Wm. D. Shea, Richard H. Waters, Miles W. Arnold, James G. Worley, Wm. P. Clontz, Wm. M. Watts, Rob't. F. Jones, Robt. B. Lester, and Wm. F. Conley.—13

QUEST. 5. Who are ordained Elders this year? Philemon C. Harris and Dennis O'Driscoll.—2

QUEST. 6. Who have Located this year!

Joseph D. Adams, Thos. R. Stewart, Wm. J. Wardlaw, Sidney

M. Smith, and Milton C. Smith -5

Those in Italics present no claim.]

Oliver P. Anthony, Edward T. McGehee, Peter Groover, Francis M. Boynton, and Francis X. Forster were discontinued at their own request.—5——Charles P. Cooper was discontinued on account of feeble health.—1

QUEST. 7. Who are the Supernumeraries?

Jesse Boring, Alexander Means, Jacob R. Owen, Wm. H. Thomas, Young F. Tignor, and F. W. Baggerly.—6

Wm. Arnold, Francis Bird, Saml. J. Bellah, Jesse W. Carroll, John S. Ford, Alex. Gordon, Windsor Graham, Chas. L. Hayes, Whitman C. Hill, James Hunter, J. J. M. Mapp, James Quillian, J. B. C. Quillian, Smith C. Quillian, Edmund W. Reynolds, John Simmons, Allen Turner, James B. Turner, Wiley Warwick, Joseph T. Smith, Miller H. White, and Lemuel G. R. Wiggins.—22

QUEST. 9. Who have been Expelled from the connection this year?

ANS. None.

QUEST. 10. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

Ans. None.

QUEST. 11. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?

Their names were called over one by one and their characters examined and passed.

QUEST. 12. Who have Died this year?

Our beloved brother John B. Chappell is no more, but rests from his labors, and "his works do follow him." He was born in Lincoln county, Ga. in 1789, and reared by a pious and godly mother. He was converted in 1812. Afterward he removed to Pendleton Dist. S. C. and in 1814 at his country's call he entered the army and fought under Gen. Jackson. In this campaign he maintained the integrity of religion and the honor of a patriot. After his return from the field of battle he became a local preacher. In 1819 he was admitted into the South Carolina Conference, and was appointed to the Keowee circuit, where he labored with fidelity and success; after which he toiled on divers circuits in the Carolinas and Georgia—always with acceptance and profit. If he could not get congregations on week days he

would try it on week nights. His motto was always, "Do or die." He never counted his life dear to him, so he night win Christ. In all his circuit movements, we remember no year but that was crowned with gracious success in the name of his only Lord and Master. His last years were marked with great debility and bodily infirmity, but he would still travel far and near, as much as in him was, and labored on, spending and being spent. In Oct. last he went to Elbert campmeeting, and returned to his own pleasant home in Oglethorpe Co., Ga. quite prostrated in body, took his bed, and before day the next morning (the 21st of the month) with great calmness and heavenly delight he fell asleep in Jesus, praising and rejoicing in his great Redeemer.

"Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy loved employ, The battle's fought, the victory's won, Enter thy Master's joy."

QUEST. 13. What Numbers are in our church in the bounds of the Conference?

Whites on Probation,	5549	, ,
" in full Connection,	44252	
Local Preachers,,		2
Total,		50360
Colored on probation,		
" in full connection,		
Total,		21814
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[For further particulars see Statistical Report.]

QUEST. 14. What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?

Ans. \$9,235,00.

QUEST. 15. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

The Board of Finance settled with the claimants at 72 cents in the dollar, leaving \$2,651,53 of the claim unpaid.

QUEST. 16. What has been contributed for the support of Mis-

sions? what for the publication of Tracts and Sunday School Books?
and what to aid the American Bible Society and its auxilliaries?
Ans. For Missions,
Tract Cause,
S. School Society
American Bible Society*3305,73
*This amount was collected from Methodist congregations.
QUEST, 17: Where are the preachers stationed this year?
Augusta District. Greensborough, John P. Duncan.
JAS. B. PAYNE. PRESIDING ELDER. ( " col. Miss. To be supplied.
Augusta Lexington John H. Grogan,
(St. John, Alfred T. Mann. Habersham J. Adams.
St. James, W. M. Crumley. Washington Daniel Kelsey.
Trinity col. Miss.; J. M. Armstrong. Wilkes, W. T. Norman. Lincolnton, John S. Dunn.
(Flherton W. H. C. Cone.
Savannah: Joseph Key. John P. Howell.
Wesley Charel. Thos. H. Jordan.   Broad River Col. Miss. H. Cranford.
Andrew Charel. To be supplied. J. H. Echols, Fres. Mad. rem. Col.
City Mission, Jas. M. Dickey. James L. Pierce, Professor.
Springfield, T. S. L. Harwell. Dahlonega District.
Sylvania,, Dennis O'Driscoll.  Striven col Miss J. G. Worley D. D. COX, Presiding Elder.
Control Col. Miss., 1.0. C. Holley. D. Llamans
W. A. Edwards
Parks of Miss D. C. Harris Gainesville, John W. Turner,
Louisville, Richard J. Harwell.  Jefferson col. Miss., D. W. Calhoun.  Carnesville, John W. Brady,
Jefferson col. Miss., D. W. Calhoun. Carnesville, John W. Brady,
Richmond, Alexander Avrett, Warrenton William J. Cotter Clarksville, W. Brewer, J. Bulloch.
Contant Tohn M Rought
Wallace B. Bailey.
" and Miss D. T. Holman Blairsville Miss.; William G. Allen-
Columbia Wesley P Amold Ducktown Anss Joseph Chambers.
" cal Mice To be supplied Murphy Miss,
Absalom H. Ogletree.  Athens District.  Clayton Miss., Andrew J. Deavors.
T. W. TALLEY Dinaming Prince
Atlanta District.
, col. Miss., N. H. Palmer. H. H. PARKS, Presiding Elder.
Watkinsville, David Blalock, Atlanta, Wesley Chapel & col. Miss.,
John W. McGeehee. Charles R. Jewett, J. Boring, super.
Factory Mission, David Crenshaw. Trinity and Evans Chapel,
Madison, Thomas F. Pierce. Lewis J. Davies.
Morgan, Albert W. Rowland. Atlanta ct., Claiborne Trussell. Kingston col. Miss., Eli Bennett. Decatur, Alfred Dorman.
Minasou con miss, The Demices, Decarding, The Dollards

	Lawrenceville, John W. Burke.	,
	Monroe, Albert Gray.	Macon District.
1	Newton,John W. Yarbrough.	J. W. GLENN, PRESIDING ELDER.
	Covington & Oxford, W. R. Branham.	Macon,James E. Evans.
	A. Means, super.	Macon col. Miss., G. G. N. McDonell.
	McDonough, Richard Lane.	Clinton Miles W Arnold
	Powdon Spring Town M. C.	Clinton, Miles W. Arnold.
		Monticello, Wm. A. Florence.
	Jacob R. Owen, super.	Eatonton col. Miss.,E. P. Birch.
	Marietta, W. J. Scott.	W. F. Cook.
	Roswell, Wm. F. Conley.	( Milledgeville and Bethel,
	Emory College, W. J. Sasnett, Prof.	T. H. Stewart.
	W. J. Parks, Agent, G. J. Pcarce,	Bethel col. Miss., M. H. Hebbard.
		Jeffersonville, Peter M. Ryburn.
		S Perry, John M. Marshall.
	Rome District.	Ockmulgee col. Miss., .J. Dunwody.
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	JOHN C. SIMMOMS, PRES. ELDER.	Fort Valley, Wesley F. Smith.
	Rome, Lewis B. Payne.	" . col. Miss., To be supplied.
	Etowah col. Miss., W. P. Pledger.	(Knoxville col. Miss., To be supplied.
	Cave Spring Tyre B. Harden,	Culloden,John. B. Wardlaw.
	Wm. H. Morton.	" col. Miss., To be supplied.
	Cassville, Andrew Neese.	Forsyth, Charles A. Fulwood.
	Calhoun, Robert F. Jones.	O. L. Smith, Pres. W. F. College.
	Dalton, Michael A. Clontz.	J. Blakely Smith, Tract Agent.
	Spring Place,John Strickland.	Edward H. Myers, Editor Southern
	La Favotta Wm M I) D.	Christian Advocate.
	La Fayette, Wm. M. I). Bond.	Ontistian Muvocate.
	Dade Miss., Lemuel Q. Allen.	Columbus District.
	Summerville, H. P. Pitchford.	LOVICK PIERCE, PRES. ELDER.
	Subligna, Thomas T. Christian.	Columbus and al NC.
	T.o. Grange District	Columbus and col. Mission.,
	La Grange District.	E. W. Speer and J. H. Harris.
	SAMUEL ANTHONY, PRES. ELDER.	( Factory Miss., Raleigh Green.
	La Grange, W. G. Conner.	Cusson,
	(Troup W D Ward	Buena Vista, Silas H. Cooper,
	Troup, W. D. Mathews,	Young F. Tignor sup.
	F. L. Brantley.	Rutler Wreatt Progler
	" col. Miss.,To be supplied.	Talbotton, Robert B, Lester.
	Greenville, Jesse R. Littlejohn.	Talbot of Robert A Conner
	Francis W. Baggerly, sup.	Talbot col. Miss.,Elijah M. Boland.
	Zebulon, James Jones.	
	Jackson, Morgan Bellah.	Upson, T. H. Whitby, M. Hamby.
	Griffin,	Hamilton, Leonard Rush.
	Fayetteville, Wm. P. Clontz.	Howisted Min W W W
	Newnan, W. H. Engne	Harris col. Miss,W. W. Tidwell.
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Fort Gaines, John B. McGehee, Ir
James V. M. Morris. D
Randolph Miss.,Jas. Ainsworth. Ja
Starkville, W. M. Watts. R
Americus, J. W. Hinton. H
( Americus ct., Joseph H. Turner. M.
Sumter col. Miss., D. Williamson. D.
Tabernacle col. Miss., To be supplied. B
Oglethorpe, William D. Shea.
Vienna, James W. Traywick. E
Hawkinsville, James H. Reese. J
Weyman H. Potter, Pres Andrew Fe-
male College. J. H. Caldwell, Prof.
Sandersville District.
Sandersville District.

WALTER KNOX, PRES. ELDER.

ublin, ........ Harvey H. McHan. acksonville, ...... Robert N. Cotter. eidville, ..... Wm. S. Baker. linesville, . . . . . . Daniel J. Myrick. IcIntosh Mission, ... Edwin White. Darien, ..... James M. Austin. Bryan and Bulloch, .. W. C. Rowland, Wm. B. McHan, sup. Emanuel Miss.,....F. W. Flanders. John M. Bonnell, transferred to Kentucky Conference, and stationed at Frankfort. Oscar P. Fitzgerald transferred to Pa-

winton, ......John Patillo.

cific Conference. Sandersville, ..... Josiah Lewis,

W. Davies, John. W. McCrary transferred to Florida Conference. Benjamin F. Breedlove.

QUEST. 18. Where and when shall your next Conference be held? Americus. December 10th 1856.

Bishop Early ordained the following persons Deacons on Sun-

day Dec 16th.

Wm. G. Allen, Thos. Boring, Robert N. Cotter, Frederick W. Flanders, Tyre B. Harbin, David T. Holmes, Marshall F. Malsby, Noah H. Palmer, Weyman H. Potter, James H. Reese, and Albert W. Rowland, of the Conference.

Thomas H. Brewer, Asbury Curtis, Richard Wilbanks, Alex. M. Thigpen, Robt. B. Meacham, and Wm. G. Sparks, Local Preach-

In the afternoon, assisted by the Elders, he ordained the following persons Elders. ..

Philemon C. Harris and Dennis O'Driscoll, of the Conference. Adin L. Boyden and John L. Williams, Local Preachers.

#### COURSE OF STUDY,

For the Itinerant Probationers and Deacons of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, to be uniformly observed in all the Annual Conferences, as provided for by the General Conference.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible, as to Doctrines, with reference to

Wesley's Notes; the Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries of our own publication; Concordance, and Gaston's Collections of Sacred Scriptures; Wesley's Sermons; Fletcher's Appeal, and Christian Perfection; English Grammar and Composition.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible, as to Ordinances, or Sacraments; Reference Books the same as the first year; Watson's Life of Wesley; Bishop Watson's Apology; Fletcher's Christian Perfection; Meth-

odist Discipline; Geography; Composition.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible, as to History and Chronology; Reference Books as before; the first and second parts of Watson's Institutes; Gregory's Church History; Rhetoric; written Essay or Sermon.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible generally; Reference Books the same; the third and fourth parts of Watson's Institutes; Powell on Apostolic Succession; Old Christianity Contrasted with the Novelties of Popery, by Gideon Ouseley; Logic; written Essay or Sermon.

The foregoing course is considered obligatory upon the several classes of candidates. The following are for such as have ability, time, and inclination, to accomplish more, on which, or any part

of it, such only as desire it should be examined.

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.—The Bible, continued; Fletcher's Checks; Life of Dr. Episcopius; Mosheim's Church History; Dr. Elliot on Romanism; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Butler's Analogy; Natural Philosophy; Moral Philosophy; Civil History. And if any desire to proceed still further, they can include in their course other Sciences and the Dead Languages, aided by the best authors, and such private instruction as may be within their reach.

#### EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

First Year.—Wm. G. Conner, Wm. R. Foote, and Alex. M. Wynn.

Second Year.—Alfred T. Mann, Chas. R. Jewett, and G. Jeff.

Pearce.

Third Year.—Jas. E. Evans, E. W. Speer, and Wm. M. Crumley.

Fourth Year.—Walter R. Branham, Joseph S. Key, and J. W. Hinton.

#### VISITING COMMITTEES.

Emory College.—Daniel Kelsey, H. H. Parks, and W. R. Branham.

Wesleyan Female College.—Jos. S. Key, Chas. A. Fulwood, and Jas. O. A. Clarke.

Madison Female College.—A. M. Wynn, John P. Duncan, and Wm. R. Foote.

Collinsworth Institute.—E. W. Speer, L. Rush, and R. B. Lester. Griffin Female College.—Wm. G. Conner, R. Lane, and L. J. Davies.

Andrew Female College.—Geo. C. Clarke, W. G. Parks, and J. W. Hinton.

Cassville Female College..-Jno. C. Simmons, W. J. Scott, and L. B. Payne.

Cherokee Wesleyan Institute.—Chas. R. Jewett, R. F. Jones, and T. T. Christian.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF TRACT SO-CIETY.

The Board of Managers of the Georgia Conference Tract Society, in presenting this, their first annual report, would acknowledge their indebtedness to the Great head of the Church for the success that has attended this im-

portant enterprise.

In the early part of the year the Agent was unable to procure Tracts, because they could not be had at Nashville. And since a supply has been on hand, frequent detentions on the Rail Road between Nashville and Macon have materially interfered with his operations. He was also met by the plea of hard times at almost every point, not unfrequently being advised to beg money "to purchase food for the people;" but feeling that his business was to supply food for the soul, his course was onward, and in spite of all, his success has been encouraging.

He reports the following sums of money as having passed through his

hands:

Collected	by hi	mself, (including his subscriptions collect-		
		reachers,)	\$4024	72
		Quarterly Conference Tract Societies,	421	
"	46	Colporteurs for books sold,	1035	79
66	66	Treasurer Ga. Conf. Tract Society	151	00
46	46	R. P. McEvoy,	160	85

Total

He has furnished books as follows: Sold by Colporteurs and at Depository,	<b>\$1620</b>	77
· " To Quarterly Conference Tract Societies,	280	
Sent to Life Directors and Members,	354	38
Donated,	200	17
Total	\$9.15B	

By this exhibit it will be seen that a considerable number of our publica-

tions in books and tracts have been distributed through our Society.

Whilst the Board are grateful for past success, they can but regret that more has not been done. More would have been accomplished, if all the members of the Conference had co-operated in the enterprize. Comparatively few of the circuits, stations or missions have sent money to the Agent for books or tracts. The great field now white to the harvest must be occupied.

The people will read and it is a high, holy, and most gracious office to supply them with a literature suited to their spiritual necessities; with such

books as tend to the knowledge and love of God.

The Board take pleasure in commending the zeal and efficiency of their present Agent, Rev. J. Blakely Smith, and shall consider themselves fortunate in securing his continuance.

All of which is submitted.

W. R. BRANHAM, Secretary.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE GA. CONF. TRACT. SOCIETY.

Article 1. This Society shall be known as "The Tract Society of the

Georgia Conference."

Art. 2. It shall be auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, whose purposes it shall promote, by aiding its funds, and by colporterage or otherwise circulating the publications which receive its sanction.

Art. 3. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of one dollar per annum, or a member for life by the payment of ten dollars at any one time. Life members shall be entitled to receive Tracts at any one time, to the amount of one half the sum paid by them.

Art. 4. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Tressurer, and twelve Directors—ministers and laymen—who shall constitute a Board of Managers, any five of whom shall

be a quorum.

Art. 5. The Board shall meet on the afternoon of the first day of the session of the Conference, to fix the time and place, and to make other ar-

rangements for the Annual meeting of the Society.

Art. 6. At the annual meeting of the Society, the Annual Report of the Secretary shall be submitted, also that of the Treasurer, duly certified; annual subscriptions shall be renewed, and officers elected for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. This constitution shall not be altered but by a majority of the Society present and voting on the proposed alteration.

#### OFFICERS OF THE TRACT SOCIETY.

SAMUEL ANTHONY, President.

LOVICK PIERCE, Vice President.

WALTER R. BRANHAM, Secretary.

JAMES L. PIERCE, Treasurer.

Directors. O. L. Smith, W. J. Sassnett, Geo. Bright, J. B. Turner, W. G. Conner, and C. A. Fullwood, of the Conference.

Lay Directors. Geo. Kellogg, of Forsyth County; J. G. Rogers, of Savannah; Jackson Oliver, of Franklin County; R. A. Smith, of Macon; J. Chambers, of Columbus; G. B. Haygood, of Atlanta; R. J. Morgan, of LaGrange.

#### REPORT OF TRACT AGENT.

#### J. BLAKELY SMITH, AGENT, in account with TRACT SOCIETY.

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To Collections as follows:

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Simmons, W. F. P. and bro. Russell	l m 10, col 103,35
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Collection 79,20,	Carnsville,
Springfield Circuit,	
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Sylvania, P L Wade 1 m 20 to make	
Rev A J Dean l m 10, col 43,1073,10	DAHLONEGA DIST.
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Wilkes Circuit,38,00	
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Warrenton Circuit, H Reese 1 m 20	
Dr Hubert 1 m 10, col 79,11109,11	54,35
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T M Turner, E M Pendleton and bro	good 1 m 10, to make Letitia A Payne
Fraley, 10 ea l ms, col 18,30,	I m 10, to make Saml Anthony I m 10,
Savannah, Robt Walker, 1 d 50, H'	col 35,15
Stibbs, bro Stone, S Goodall, and R	Carrolton Circuit,
McIntire 10 ea, to make Rev W M	Newnan Circuit, Grantville,30,00
Crumley 1 d 50, col 31,85,	Palmetto Circuit, P E Arnold 1 m 10,
	Thos S White I m 10, Mary E Arnold
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ATHENS DIST.	
Athens, Y L G Harris I d 50, A	262,91
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MACON DIST.	20, col 32,45	. 52,45
Maron, R A Smith 1 d 50, N Bass 1 m		
20, W P Goodall, E Saulsbury, R P Mc		688,25
Evoy, W Ross, Greenville Wood, O L	LUMPKIN DISTRICT.	
Smith and Mrs M L Ross l m 10, the	Lumpkin	
ladies, to make Rev J W Hinton and	Cuthbert, to make Rev J H Caldwell	,
Rev E W Speer l ds 100, young ladies	Rev F X Forster, Col Alden and Miss	3
at college to make O L Smith 1 m 20,	A Alden 1 ms 40, col 5,46	.45,46
	Americus Station, to make Rev J	
Vineville, Mrs Troutman 1 m 10, col	R Littlejohn 1 m 20, col 45,25	65,25
22,2532,25	Americus Circuit, James Stewart,	
Fort Valley Circuit, W H Hollinshead	Rev T H Stewart, and Mrs S Gib-	
l m 10, to make Rev P M Ryburn l m	son 1 ms 30. col 44,55	. 74,55
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Rumph 1 m 10, F Baldwin, 1 m 10, col		222,41
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Perry Circuit, to make R B Lester I		
m 10, Maj Welborne l m 10, col 42, 50, . 62.50	Total,\$4,	,024,72
Culloden Circuit,23,55		
Forsyth Circuit, to make Rev E W	ties and Circuits,421,63	
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Clinton Circuit, Mrs Lowther 1 m 20,	" " J. L. Pierce, Tr 151,00	ECO 0#
Mrs Parish l m 10, Dr A Kingman l m 10, Geo Cook l m 10, D Blount l m	Anniversary collection, 1	109,27
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Monticello Circuit, Midway39,13		.974.99
Eatonton Circuit, to make Rev W	Cr.	914,33
Arnold 1 d 50, col 104,		
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Columbus, J Chambers to make W D	By Services rendered675,00	
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Buena Vista Circuit, Mrs E Jarrett 1	Families Visited,	
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#### BOARD OF FINANCE.

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The Board of Finance recommend that the amount necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers, and deficient preachers, be apportioned as follows, and that the Presiding Elder of each District be requested to distribute these sums in their respective districts according to the best information they can obtain from any source.

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Athens District,	1,300
Dahlonega District,	300
Rome District,	600
Atlanta District,	800
Macon District,	1,800
Columbus District,	1,400
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Resolved. That it be the daty of Preachers in charge, to make diligent inquiry into the circumstances and condition of all the claimants upon the Conference Collection, living within their bounds, with a view to giving information thereof to the Board of Finance.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS GEORGIA CON-FERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The following facts in regard to the Missionary fields in our Conference are

presented as deserving the consideration of our Missionary Society.

1. Savannah City Mission.—This field of Missionary labor is among the whites in the less favored portious of Savannah. Passing by the obvious duty of occupying our cities as great centres of moral power, we may note the prosperous state of the work. There are 25 members in the charge, and a Sabbath school well officered, and furnished with books, pupils, and teachers. This work the Board wish continued. It was served the present year by Rev. G. N. McDonell, who says a Mission Church is in contemplation.

2. Andrew Chapel Mission, Savannah.—This is a long established work among the blacks of Savannah, and maintains a good degree of prosperity. Served by Rev. J. E. Godfrey, local minister, who reports 366 members, and

4 preachers, and a good church.

3. Scriven Mission, served by Rev. A. J. Dean, is reported prosperous, numbering 465 members, 111 under catechetical instruction.

4. Chatham Mission, was served by Rev. R. J. Harwell. It has 4 appointments, 2 of which desire its continuance as it is. It numbers 110

white, and 20 colored members; raised \$155 75, for its own support.

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6. Augusta Colored Mission, served by Rev. J. M. Armstrong, is reported prosperous, and with the following statistics:—475 members, 218 probationers, 4 preachers, 30 children catechised. Money paid preacher \$42 83.

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Missions. Served by Rev. T. R. Stewart.

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other report.

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last year by J Patillo 2143,—	Newnan, Rev W H Evans248,80
Factory miss Rev D Crenshaw 61	Palmetto, Rev N Smith
Monroe, Rev A Rowland 89,70	Atlanta, Rev. S. Anthony, 35,—
Covington and Oxford, Rev W R	Atlanta ct. Rev T Boring 58,—
Branham: col people for missions to	Fayetteville, Rev J N Craven, 50,-
blacks 6,20, Dr Sehon's prop 10, gen	Zebulon, Rev J Simmons 93,85
col 196,40	Griffin, Rev W R Foote, general col
Newton, Rev G C Clarke257,—	37.50. Dr S's prop 10 47,50
Madison, Rev T F Pierce 151,50, Dr	McDonough and Jackson, Rev J W
N N Allen 5156,50	
Morgan, Rev M W Arnold 72,85	for For Miss 35.—
Greensborough, Rev J P Duncan278,95	,
Lexington and Oglethorpe col miss,	MACON DISTRICT.
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Elbantan Day II II Daylor gon gol	10600,—
Elberton, Rev H H Parks, gen col 51.10. Dr S's prop 10	Vineville and Macon col miss, Rev J M Dick-
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#### RECAPITULATION.

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66	Athens District	2 205	15
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66	LaGrange District	1 452	80
66	Macon District	3 057	30
66	Columbus District	3 490	13
64	Lumpkin District	1.053	20
46	Sandersville District	537	61
1		16,881	76
Inter	est on Stock	24	50
Anni	versary Collection	2,069	00
1	Total,	\$18,975	26

#### OFFICERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

Wm. J. PARKS,	. President.
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#### RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

GEORGIA CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

By a resolution passed at its Annual Meeting in December 1851, the Treasurer is authorized to grant a donation of books to the value of \$5, to any Sabbath School which a Quarterly Meeting Conference might recommend as needing such a donation. And at its meeting on December 27th, 1858, it was further

Resolved, That hereafter the Treasurer be authorized to grant \$10 worth of books to any new Sunday School, in a destitute neighborhood, any three of whose teachers shall pledge themselves to keep it up, without suspension during the winter months, for five successive years.

[To these Resolutions we must adhere in making Conations.]

At the recommendation of the Board of Managers of the Sunday School Society, the following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That a collection be taken up on all the Stations and Circuits in the month of March, or before, for Sunday School purposes in the Georgia Conference, to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Sunday School Society, J. Blakely Smith.

Resolved, That we constitute this Society auxiliary to the the Suuday School Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, established by the last General Conference; and that we transmit to the Parent Society one fifth of our general collections.

Note.—This resolution has reference to the standing order of Conference, requiring collections for the Sunday School Society to be taken up in March, all of which are to be forwarded to J. Blakely Smith, at Macon, who will transmit to the Tressurer of the Parent Society, at Nashville, the required one fifth.

Resolved, That the constitution of the Society be so changed as to require each member to pay 50 cents annually, as the consideration of membership therein.

Resolved, That the constitution be so changed as to render the Board permanent in office; and at the recommendation of the Board the Conference fill any vacancy.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The following is presented as a substitute for the Anniversary report of Rev. J. M. Bonnell, whose transfer to another Conference has not only disappointed us greatly on this occasion, but has bereaved our Sunday school Society of one of its most zealous and efficient advocates. May the Great Head of the Church vouchsafe to him returning health and a long life of usefulness and honor.

In the prosecution of a moral and religious enterprise we should consider well the means of its accomplishment within our reach; nor should we permit a partial achievement to beguile us from a full and faithful apprehension of our responsibility; nor should we contemplate it too much through the

medium of other duties, lest we unfortunately permit the one to supplant the other, when, indeed, both may be equally imperative and equally important. These reflections may be appropriately applied to the present position of the Sabbath school cause in our midst. None will for a moment doubt that it is intimately and eminently interwoven with the best interests of the Church. The effort already made for its advancement is a full endorsement of all its claims—the highest sanction of its usefulness and importance. As we cannot believe that this cause has depreciated in our estimation, we are constrained to think that the partial and only partial success attained, indicates either that we are ignorant of our own facilities to prosecute the work more extensively, or that we have permitted other interests to supervene and supplant this duty. For who does not desire to see the Sunday school everywhere the nursery of the Church and its altars reared in every sanctuary? Who does not believe that the promise is to our children, and desire to see them trained for union and usefulness in the Church. Yet with this desire glowing in every heart, how little have we done for its realization. Indeed, how little do we know of our own resources for this work!

It is true we read in the Conference Statistics\* that there are 436 Sunday schools in our Conference, many of which, however, are only in operation during the summer months; but, forget that there are 1000 Methodist churches in Georgia; that there are 2,750 enlisted as officers and teachers in these schools, but it is from a church-membership of more than 50,000; that there are 16,590 scholars, but they are furnished to us from an aggregate congregation of 150,000; and that, as a Church, owning property in the State to the value of \$393,943, which is certainly an index of private wealth, we contribute only \$2,194 23 for Sunday school purposes. With these resources in numbers, influence and wealth, why have we failed, and so signally failed, to command them with that energy and success which an interest so vast and eternal demands at our hands? It becomes us as faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God to enquire diligently into the reason. Does it proceed from dereliction on our part as pastors of the fold; or is there anything in our system of operations intervening or inconsistent with a more zealous devotion to this work? No doubt the reason is in some measure blended with both.

Many circumstances connected with the itinerancy preclude that attention to the Sunday school which may be given to it by a more settled pastorate. Among these, is the fact that we cannot devote our personal superintendence to it in every society, preaching as we do at so many churches in the work. Yet, no doubt, we may do much to inspire others to undertake and sustain this work in our absence—and the question appeals with emphasis to our consciences—have we, as ministers, done all that we could to urge others into the field of usefulness? Is it not true that man is characterized more by zeal in action, than by patience in labor? This is not an accidental circumstance, personal and temporary. It is the spirit of Methodism, and pervades all we do or plan. Hence no system or organization, however perfect, or sure and permanent in blessing, may command our zeal unless it works effects immediately visible—instantaneous and electric results. We scheme and work, not for the future weal of the church, the perpetuity of her insti-

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### IRREGULAR PAGINATION

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Collinsworth Institute is doing a good work in the cause of Education, and is growing in confidence and patronage under the supervision of the Rev. H.

H. McQueen.

Cherokee Wesleyan Institute is located at Cave Spring, was unfortunate in the outset, but being situated in a rich and growing country, its past misfortunes are but the back ground on which hope paints a brighter future. We trust that, small as the beginning is, like the spring among the hills where it is located, it may soon become a noble torrent, watering the rich valleys of Cherokee with the pure streams of sanctified literature, and contributing large-

ly to the prosperity of our beloved Emory.

The Wesleyan Female College is the oldest daughter of the Georgia Conference, and has ripened into maturity, appearing fully before the world, decked with all the virtues and graces becoming her high position. Her pupils have gone forth and are diffused through the various ranks of society, shedding every where a cheerful light in our social and moral firmament. She is now unencumbered by debt, has an able and faithful faculty, and a large and extensive patronage, numbering the past year 170 pupils. God graciously manifested his approbation by the conversion this year of 40 young ladies, who will return to bless and illumine their homes, not only accomplished as scholars, but having the highest finish of which character is susceptible, a baptism of the Holy Ghost from on high.

Madison Female College is reported to be on a sound financial basis, being entirely out of debt, with a worthy and able faculty, and is still receiving the public favor and patronage which it has always so deservedly enjoyed, its pupils numbering 120 during the past year. The smile of God still rests upon it in the pouring out of his Spirit upon it, and the conversion of 26 of the pu-

pils during the past year.

Griffin Female College is reported to be in a prosperous condition in all the departments, and well deserving of the high favor and patronage it receives

at the hands of the public.

Cassville Female College is also reported to be on a safe financial basis, and is doing her work faithfully, and to the satisfaction of her friends. Long may the radiance of this northern light be shed in healthful beams on the growing population of upper Georgia.

Andrew Female College, the last and voungest of the family, is located at

Cuthbert, in South-Western Georgia. We regret to learn that this institution is financially embarrassed, but we hope that the friends of Education and Methodism will come to the rescue and sustain this young institution, as it is situated in the heart of a large and interesting portion of Georgia that is rapidly developing in population, wealth and religious importance. While we as a Conference cannot adopt it so far as to assume any responsibility in consequence of its embarrassment, yet we recommend the appointments by

the Bishop of those officers for which it has petitioned.

Having made the foregoing summary of facts in connection with the history and present condition of the several Colleges under the fostering care of the Conference, the Committee beg leave to present a few general reflections growing out of the above mentioned facts in their bearing upon the hopes and destinies of the church. The eminent position which has been reached. by the Georgia Conference, as a patron of sanctified learning while it must be gratifying to the churches, furnishes an occasion for devout thankfulness to God who has blessed our people with the means and the mind for such distinguished usefulness. Without arrogance, we may venture to suggest that, with the ordinary appliances of education underlying the active aggressive system of Methodist Itinerancy, we ought to be by far the most efficient of all the Christian Churches. We make this suggestion as pertaining merely to the following propositions: That, in proportion as the providence of God has placed us in a position of permanent usefulness, so has he multiplied our obligations above all others to labor unceasingly in developing our resources, and in employing all the facilities within our reach for promoting the great object of Christian Education.

The multiplication of Schools and Colleges, under the patronage of the Church has been regarded with some apprehension by many of the people. We think this apprehension altogether groundless. The numbers are constantly growing, and at the same time the patronage of all is steadily increasing. The truth is, that our Schools re-act favorably upon each other. Each one sends out the light which is to discover and develop new materials to be divided between itself and its neighbors. Therefore there is no ground for jealousy. They are competitors it is true, but great auxiliaries to each other. The more the number is multiplied the more abundantly will be the prosperity of all, so long as there is material, which has not been brought out and

engrossed.

We would suggest furthermore that all the members of the Georgia Conference ought to feel that they are charged with a special commission to labor for the prosperity of our educational interests. This call, is a call to do good of the most vital importance to the church and the world, not simply to preach but to do all possible good and by every possible means. They should consider themselves as general agents for our schools, appointed of God in virtue of their ministerial office. If they could feel this conviction fully and act upon it wherever they go, our institutions would all be amply sustained, and their number greatly multiplied. Under the prevalent influences of sanctified learning the wealth and energy of the church, would likewise be sanctified and consecrated to God, and "the knowledge of the glory of the Lord would soon cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

In conclusion, the Committee recommend for adoption the following reso-

lutions:

Resolved 1, That the Georgia Conference hold that the subject of Christian Education is matter of deep importance to the church and country, but little

inferior to the direct influence of the gospel.

Resolved 2, That we review with profound gratitude to God, the high position which the Conference has attained in the adoption of the measures for carrying on this great department of our work, and we bind ourselves to consecrate to this service all the agencies under our control which affect the

well being of society.

Resolved 3, That we earnestly recommend to the members and friends of the Methodist E. Church the support by pecuniary contributions, liberal patronage and earnest prayers, of the various literary Institutions now in operation under our fostering eare, believing that the wants of our children, the best interests of society, and the necessities of the church, ask this and nothing less than this, as the full measure of our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. M. CRUMLEY, Chairman.

## REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE AND CHARLESTON DEPOSITORY.

The Committee to whom was referred the interests of the Southern Christian Advocate and the Charleston Book Depository, submit the following as

their report:

From a report submitted by the Publishing Committee at Charleston, it is learned that two important changes are proposed. By the first, the surplus revenue of the Advocate is invested in the Book Depository at Charleston.—Your Committee are of opinion that whatever considerations demand a Depository at Charleston, (and there are many) justify the wisdom and propriety of this investment.

The second change contemplates that after the 1st June 1856, all Agents, whether traveling or local preachers, be charged \$1 25 for their paper, if paid in advance, and be allowed a commission of  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent on all collections from new and old subscribers. Your Committee regard this a judicious and profitable change, placing all Agents upon an equal basis and giving advantages, both in reduction of the price, and in raising the commissions.

The Committee take pleasure in bearing a most unqualified testimony to the energy and ability which characterizes the Editor. The increase of subscribers, the rapid collection of arrearages, and the universal acceptability of

the paper, attest these facts.

In fine, your Committee would embody their views in the following reso-

lutions:

1. Resolved, That the Southern Christian Advocate, as a great public want, is eminently fulfilling its mission, and that we cordially approve its management.

2. Resolved, That we use diligent effort to extend the circle of its influ-

ence by increasing its patronage.

3. Resolved, That a suitable testimonial be given the Editor, Rev. E. H. Myers, both of our affection for him as a brother, and our confidence in him as an editor, and that this be given by a rising vote.

4. Resolved, That we cordially commend the course of the Book Agents

in establishing a Book Depository at Charleston, and that we recommend it to the enlarged patronage of our ministers and people.

JOS. S. KEY, Chairman.

# LETTER FROM THE LAY MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE BOARD.

The lay members of the Board of Finance for the Georgia Conference, at this, their first meeting, feel much embarrassment in their want of qualification, to do all which the claims of their appointments demand. Impressed, however, with the goodness of their cause, and the pressing necessity of the claims for which they seek to provide, we are resolved to try. Time and experience, with the blessing of God upon our efforts, cannot fail to bring about results more propitious, than those which have attended the unsystematized efforts heretofore made, in behalf of the superannuated, or worn out preachers, their widows and orphans. The church, as a whole, has been made to. understand but little of those claims: and needs to be taught, that it is a debt of high obligation, which must be provided for and discharged. Impressed with the importance of these truths, the Conference has taken a step in the right direction, and will have accomplished much by securing the active, hearty co-operation of laymen, in each District of the Conference. We need a systematized plan, by which the claims shall be presented, and the burthens distributed and equalized. At present, with the little time allowed for consultation and reflection, we are not prepared to submit a better, than than that already adopted by the Conference, and shall not do more than urge its faithful execution. While impressed with the importance of providing some permanent, unfailing resource, upon which we could rely, some revenue which should be forthcoming, though drought prevail, crops be short, or prices low, we have been gratified to learn, that the Conference has an organized Society for the aid of preachers. Methodists should have learned not to despise the day of small things. We think this little and unknown Society may be the nucleus, around which we may rally, and in the enlargement and development which time and experience may suggest, may prove the very organization which we need. Though but a rill now, it may swell into a stream, which may bear upon its bosom all these necessitous cases, providing a home for the old soldier of the Cross in his declining years, and for the wants of his widow and orphan children, when God shall have taken him; home to his reward.

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#### RESOLUTIONS.

Missions. Resolved, That the Preachers in charge of Circuits, Stations and Missions be and they are hereby required to bring the cause of Missions before all their congregations in the month of May, or as soon thereafter as practicable; take up collections and obtain subscriptions to be paid at the convenience of subscribers, at any time before the ensuing Conference.

Resolved, That we will endeavor to raise \$30,000 the ensuing year for

the Missionary cause.

FAST DAYS. Resolved, That the first Fridays in May and September be observed as days of Fasting and Prayer, throughout the Conference. The first with special reference to our literary institutions, and that of September with reference to the missionary cause and the revival of the work of God throughout the connection; and that our preachers be and they are hereby required to call our people together at their respective places of worship on those days, for religions worship.

ON BIBLE CAUSE. Resolved, That this Conference profoundly appreciate

the object and the efficiency of the American Bible Society.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference will co-operate, as far as practicable, in their respective fields of labor, in the prosecution of the plans and objects of this important iustitution.

There is a resolution on the Journals, requiring a collection to be taken up for the Bible Society in every congregation.

All orders for S. S. Books should be directed to Rev. J. Blakely Smith, Treasurer S. S. Society, Macon, Ga.

On the subject of Tracts, direct to Rev. J. Blakely Smith, Agent Tract Society.

The following Life Members Georgia Conference were omitted in my report:

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